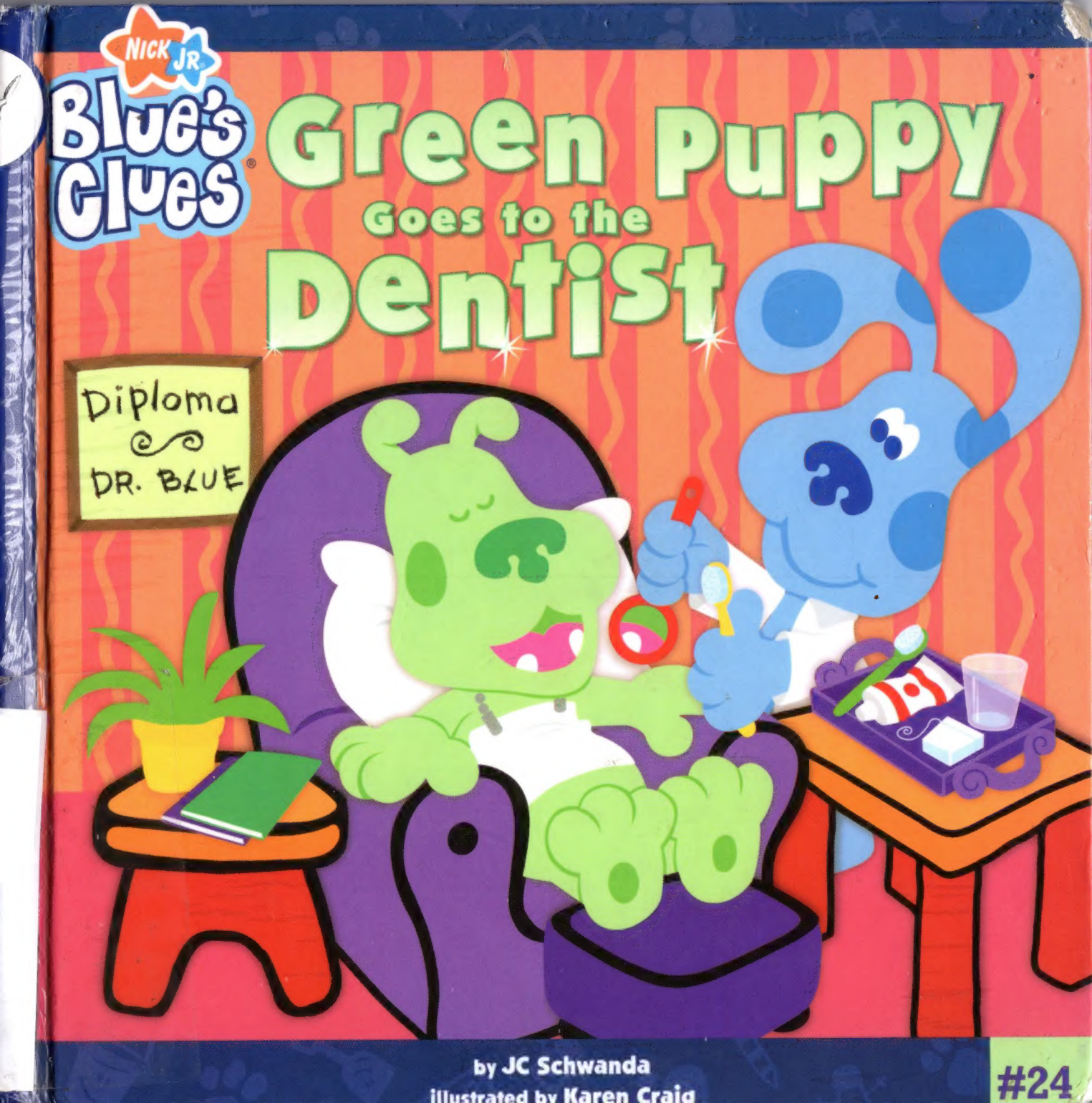
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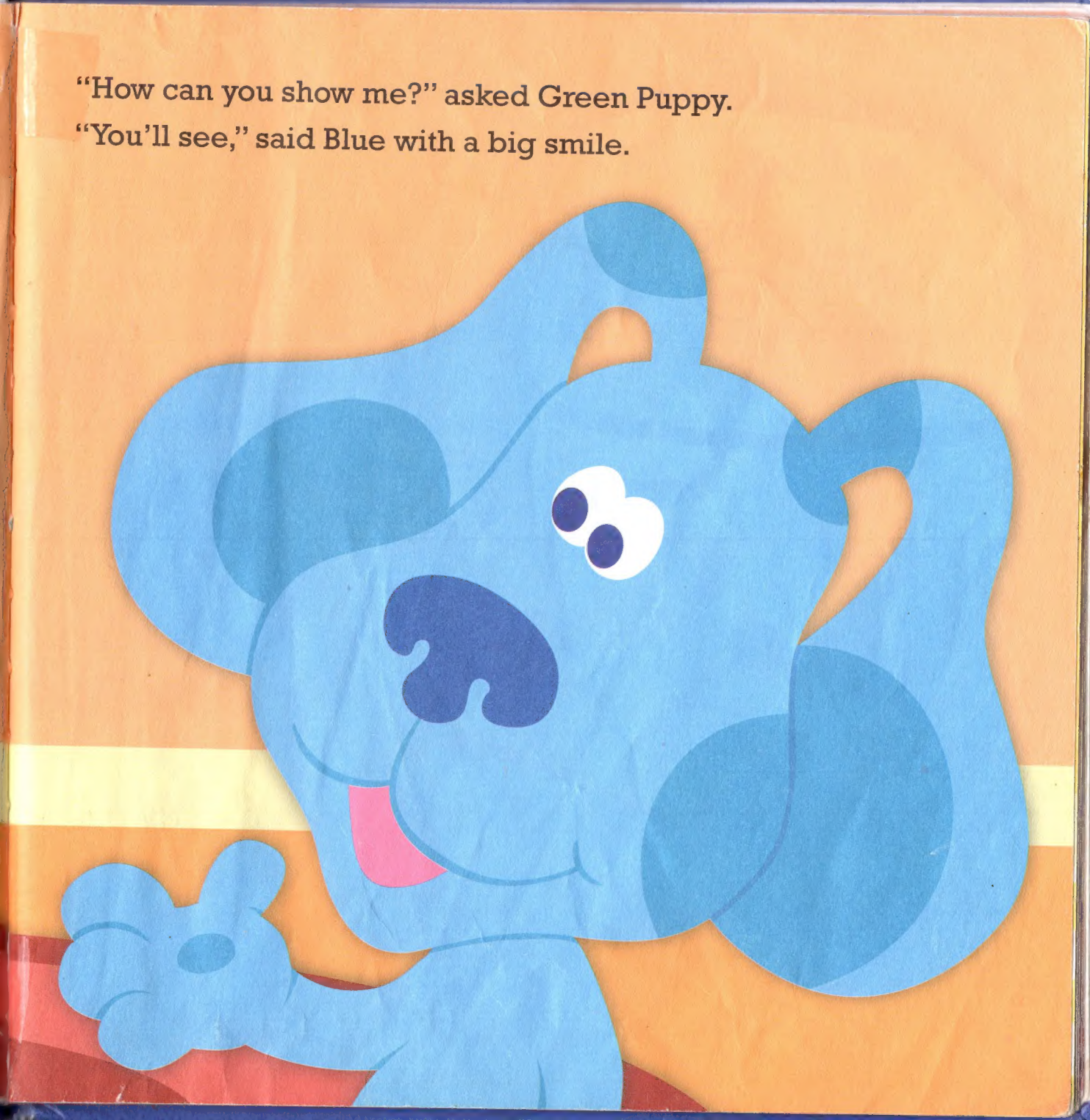
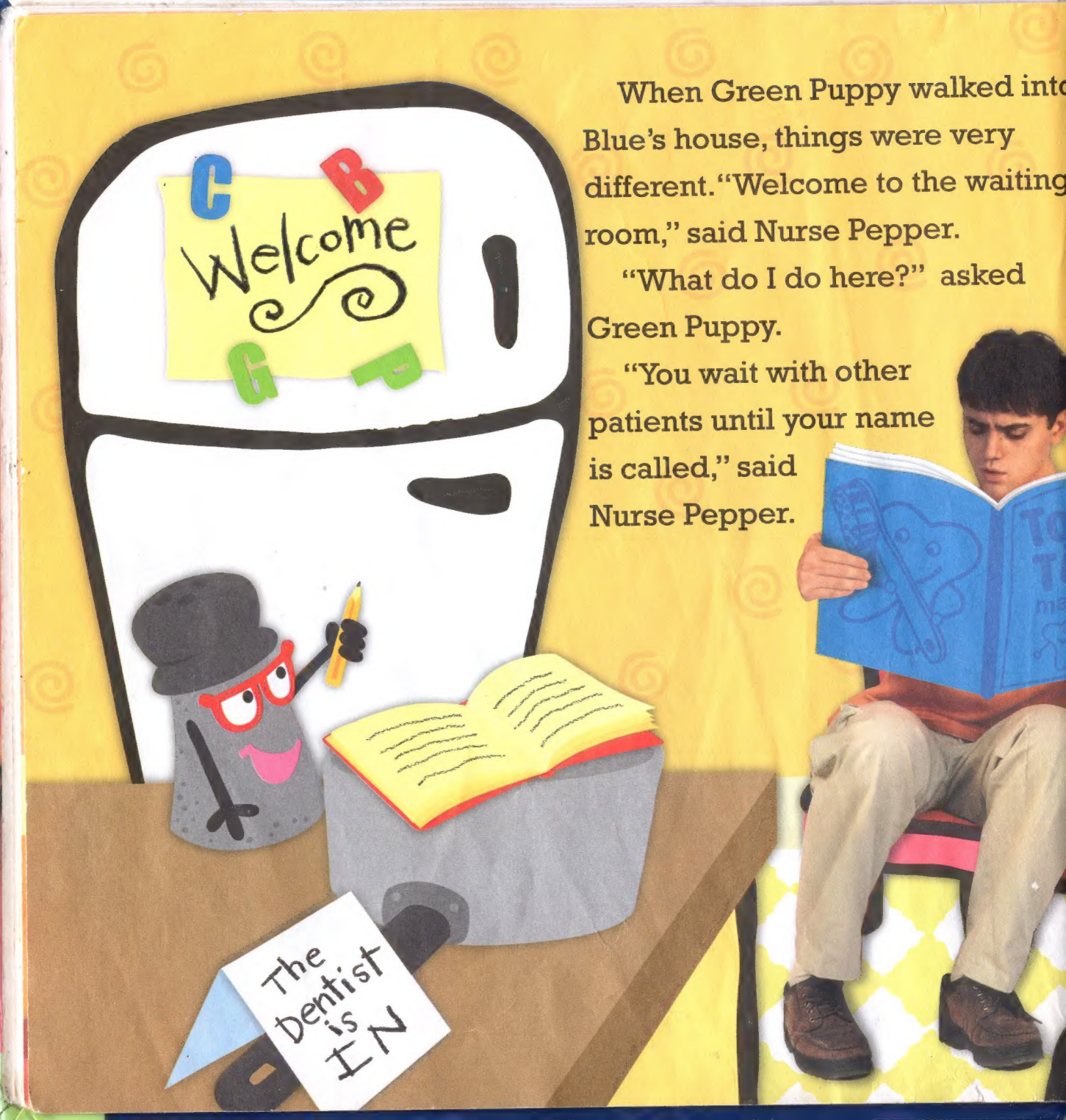
One morning in class Green Puppy had a big announcement.
"I have to go to the dentist tomorrow," she said.
Most of her friends had never been to the dentist before.
"Are you scared?" asked Purple Kangaroo.
Green Puppy nodded her head. She *was* a little scared.

But Blue knew there was nothing to be afraid of.

"Come over to my house today," she said. "I'll show you that there's nothing scary about the dentist."

"How can you show me?" asked Green Puppy.
"You'll see," said Blue with a big smile.





When Green Puppy walked into Blue's house, things were very different. "Welcome to the waiting room," said Nurse Pepper.

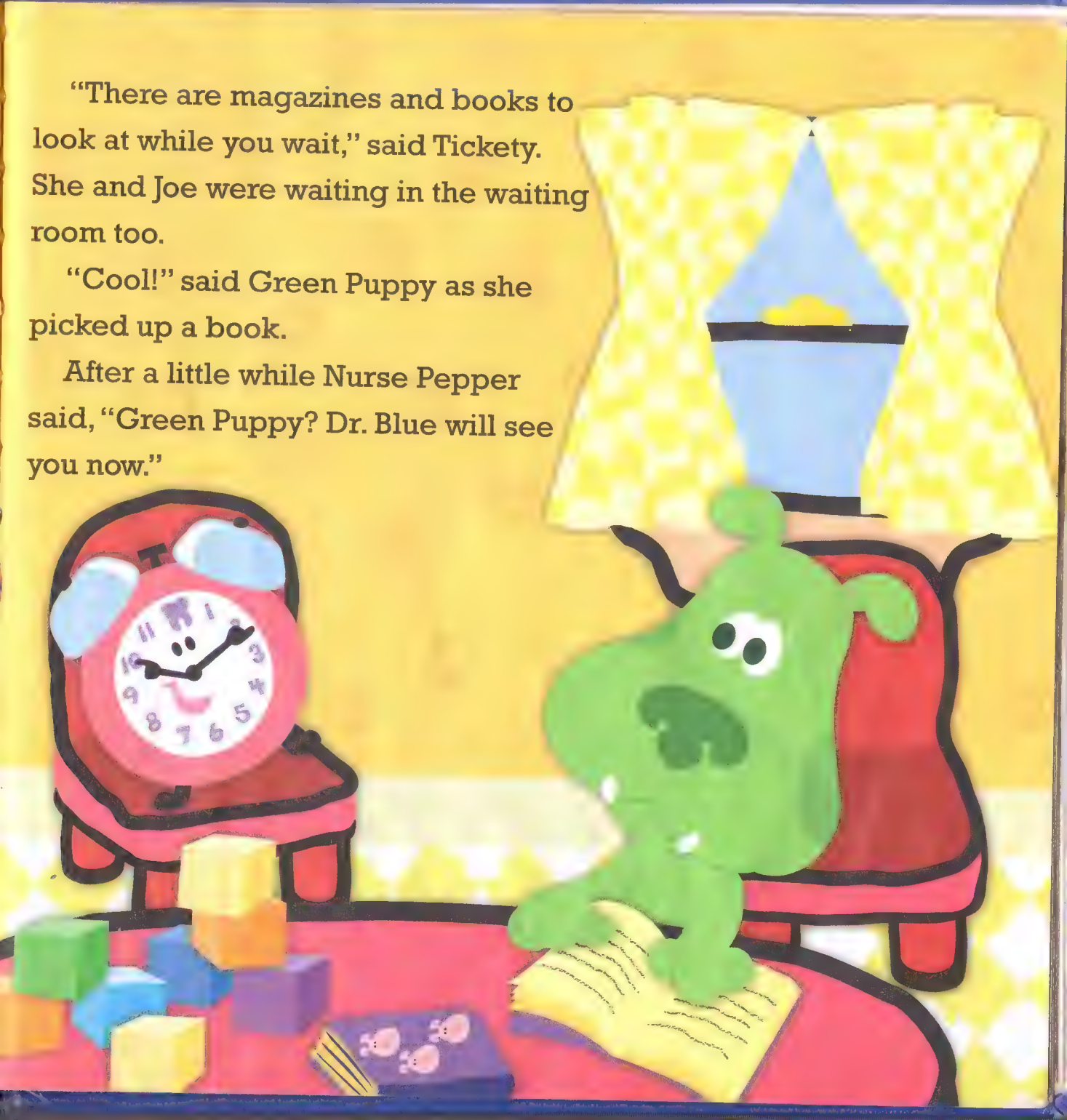
"What do I do here?" asked Green Puppy.

"You wait with other patients until your name is called," said Nurse Pepper.

"There are magazines and books to look at while you wait," said Tickety. She and Joe were waiting in the waiting room too.

"Cool!" said Green Puppy as she picked up a book.

After a little while Nurse Pepper said, "Green Puppy? Dr. Blue will see you now."



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Dr. Blue

Nurse Pepper led Green Puppy into the next room.

Green Puppy looked a little worried, so Joe came with her.

"There's nothing to be afraid of," said Dr. Blue. "The first thing you need to do is lie back in the dentist's chair."

"But what if I don't fit?" Green Puppy asked.

"No problem. The chair moves and bends so you fit just right," said Dr. Blue.

"Neat!" Green Puppy smiled. She lay back in the chair and was very comfy.

"What are all those things, Dr. Blue?" asked Joe.

"These are my dentist tools," said Dr. Blue. "Do you want to see them, Green Puppy?"

Green Puppy nodded. Blue showed her all the tools around the chair.

"This is the tray with all my brushes," said Blue. "Here is the little mirror so I can get a good look at your teeth. And this is the cup you can rinse with."

"Those aren't scary at all," said Green Puppy.

"First things first," said Dr. Blue. "I have to turn on this bright light so I can get a good look at your teeth."

"Do I need sunglasses?" asked Green Puppy.

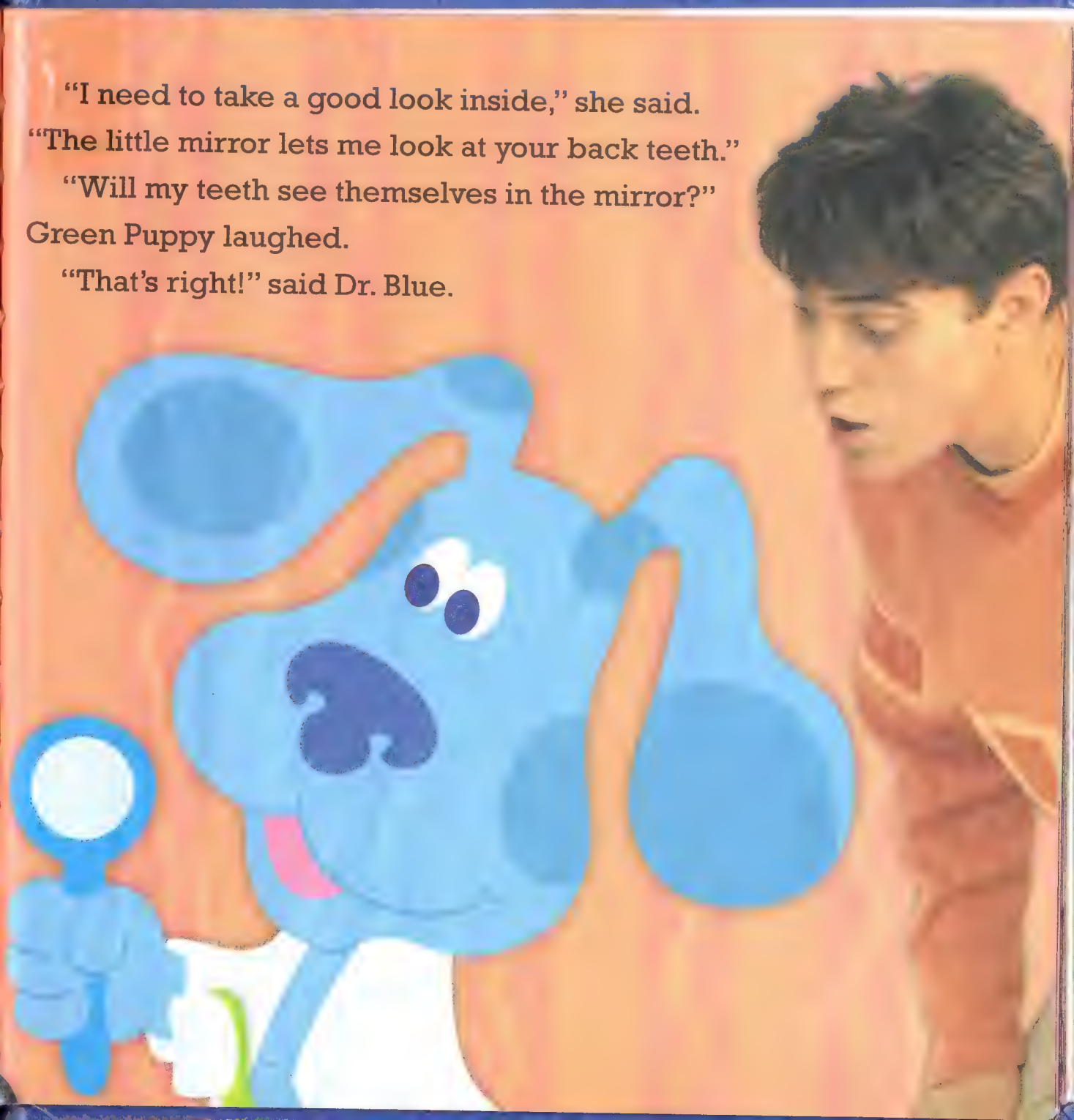
"Nope. You can just close your eyes," said Dr. Blue.

Dr. Blue asked Green Puppy to open her mouth really wide.

"I need to take a good look inside," she said. "The little mirror lets me look at your back teeth."

"Will my teeth see themselves in the mirror?" Green Puppy laughed.

"That's right!" said Dr. Blue.



"Next it's teeth-cleaning time," said Dr. Blue. "First I'll pick off anything that's stuck to your teeth."

"Ewww," Green Puppy said with a giggle. "Things get stuck to my teeth?"

"Yep," said Blue. "Tiny bits of food."

"Oh," said Green Puppy. "I'm glad I came to the dentist then. I don't want food on my teeth."

"Now your teeth get a good brushing," said Dr. Blue.

Joe was confused. "If Green Puppy brushes at home, why does the dentist need to brush for her?"

"The dentist uses special toothpaste," said Dr. Blue. "It makes your teeth look extra shiny."

"After brushing," said Dr. Blue, "you need to rinse your mouth."

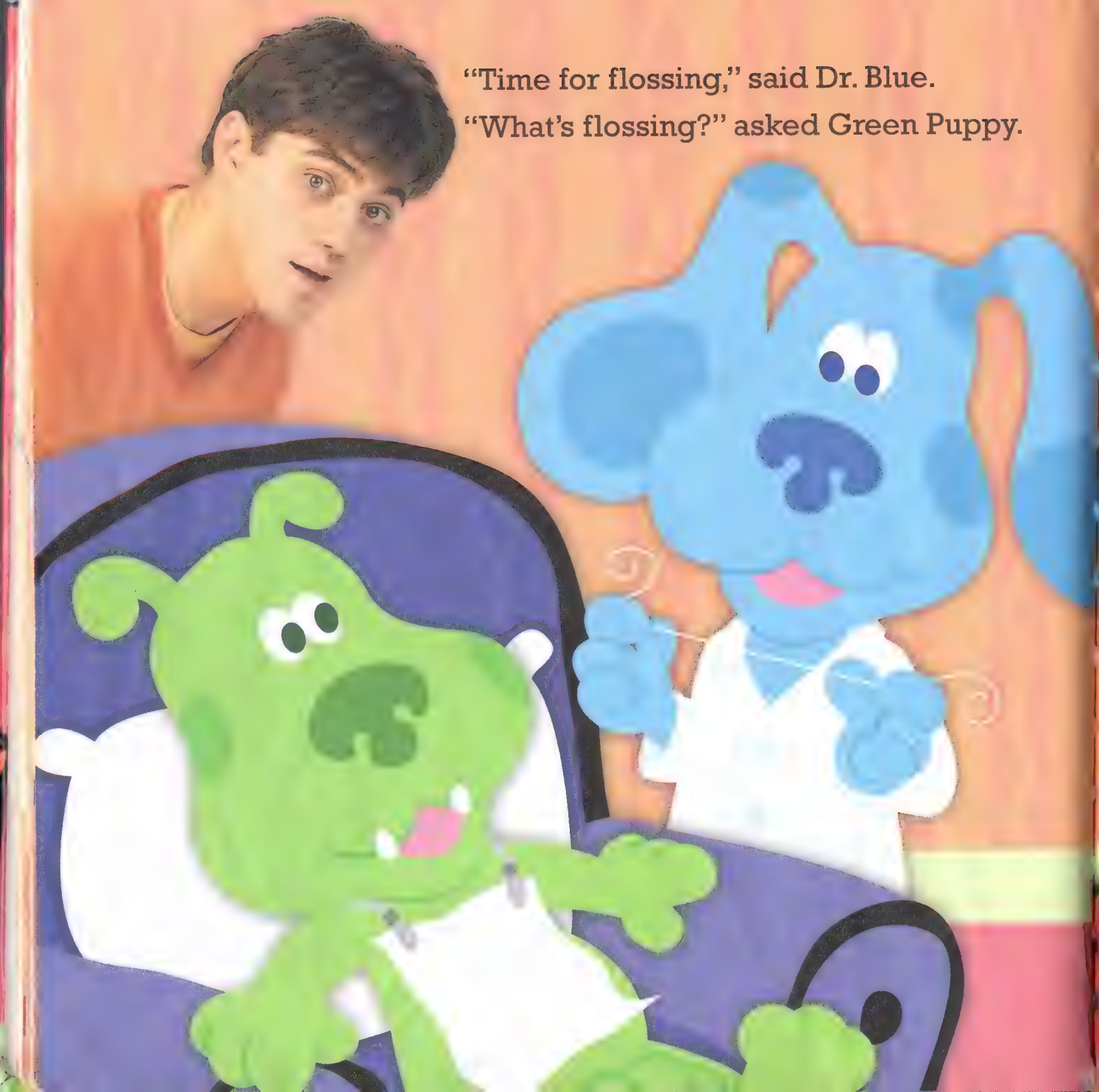
"That's what the cup and bowl are for," said Joe.

"That's right," said Dr. Blue. "You take a little bit of water and swish, swish, swish it around in your mouth. Then you spit it into the bowl."

"But spitting is not polite," said Green Puppy, a little worried.

"When you are rinsing at the dentist, it's okay," Dr. Blue reassured her.

Green Puppy swish, swish, swished, and spit just like Dr. Blue told her.



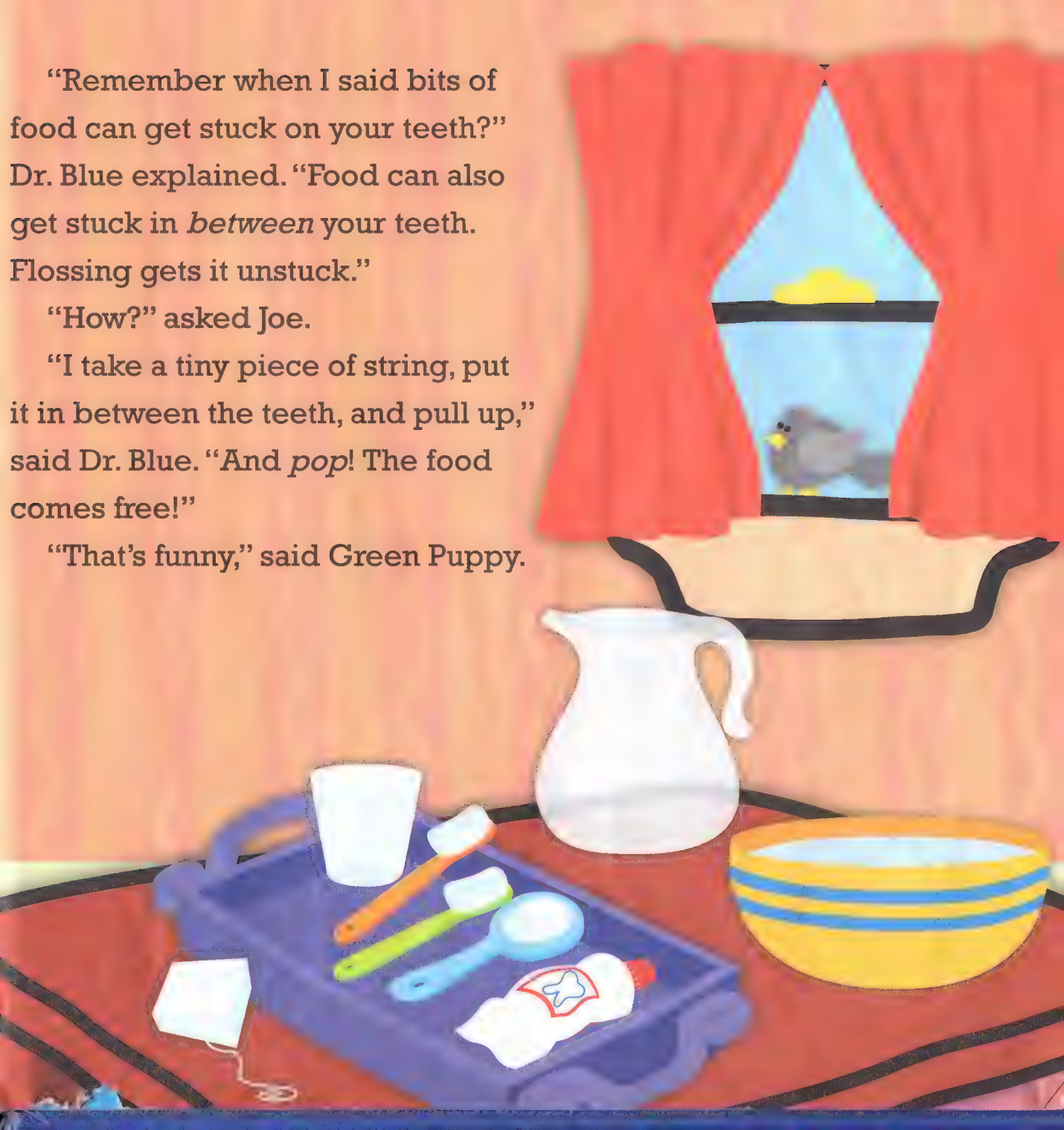
"Time for flossing," said Dr. Blue.
"What's flossing?" asked Green Puppy.

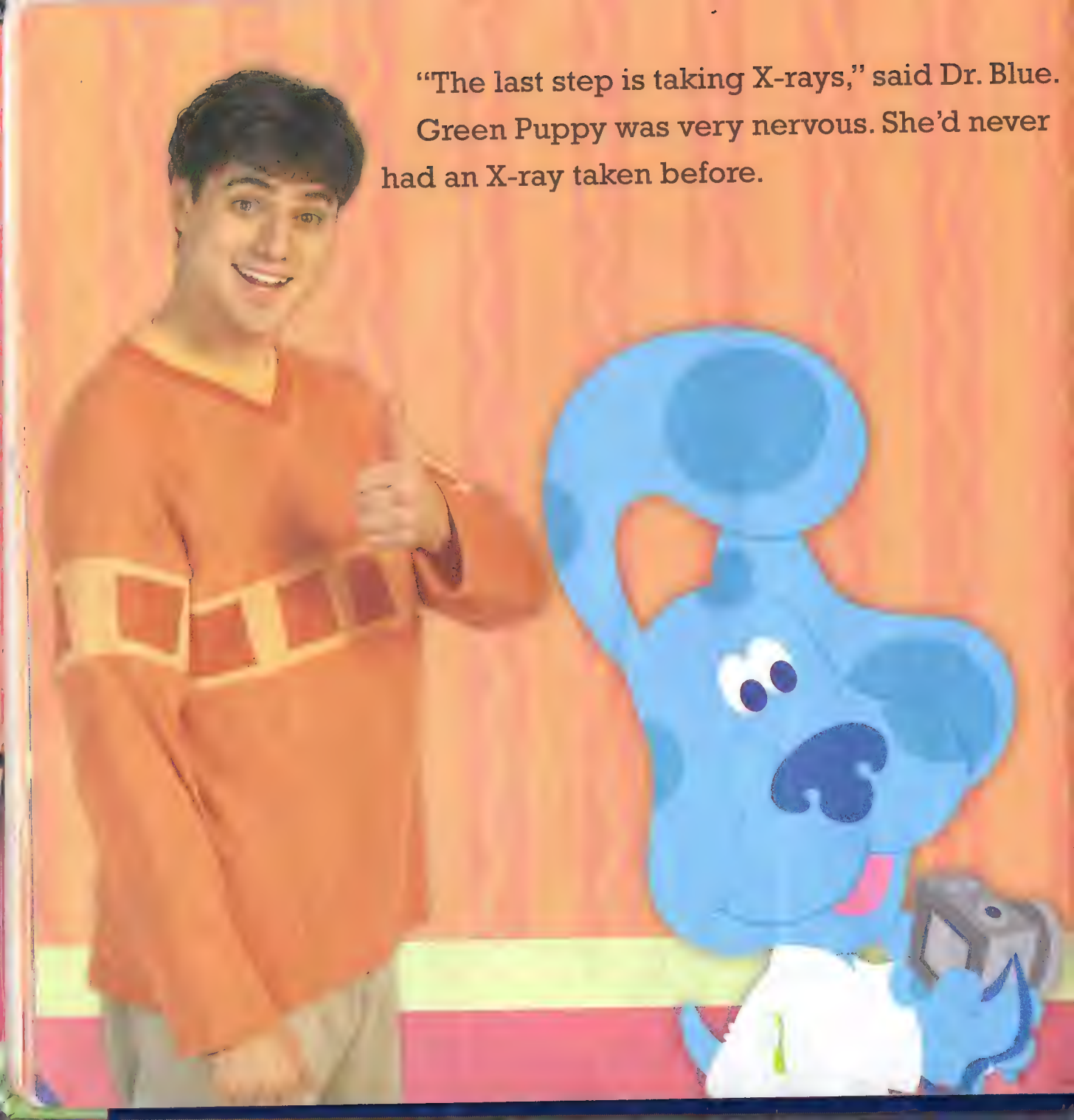
"Remember when I said bits of food can get stuck on your teeth?" Dr. Blue explained. "Food can also get stuck in *between* your teeth. Flossing gets it unstuck."

"How?" asked Joe.

"I take a tiny piece of string, put it in between the teeth, and pull up," said Dr. Blue. "And *pop*! The food comes free!"

"That's funny," said Green Puppy.





"The last step is taking X-rays," said Dr. Blue.

Green Puppy was very nervous. She'd never had an X-ray taken before.

"Your teeth are just getting their picture taken," Dr. Blue explained.

"My teeth love taking pictures!" said Green Puppy.

"First we put a blanket over you, so the camera can see your teeth better." Dr. Blue covered up Green Puppy with a big blanket.

"Now it's picture time!" said Dr. Blue as she snapped a couple of pictures.

Green Puppy smiled for the camera.

"You're all done," said Dr. Blue.

"That's it?" said Green Puppy. "Hey! Going to the dentist isn't scary at all."

Green Puppy thanked Dr. Blue. She went home and wasn't worried at all.

The next day Green Puppy came to school after her visit to the dentist.

"What happened?" asked Magenta. Everyone gathered around.

"Were you scared?" asked Purple Kangaroo.

Green Puppy smiled. "Going to the dentist wasn't scary at all!" she said. "And I even got a special present."

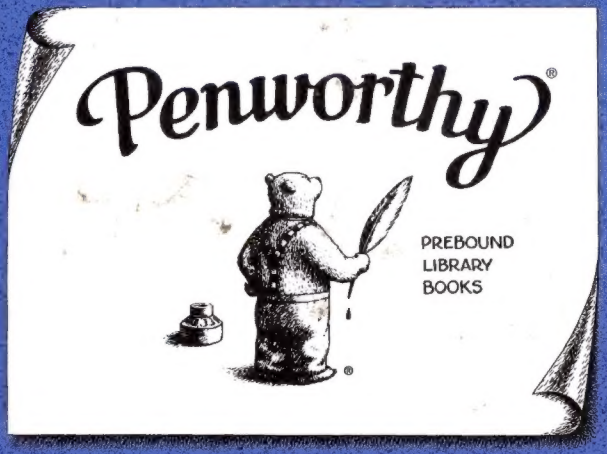
Green Puppy held up a shiny new toothbrush. It was very pretty.

"Wow!" everyone said.

"I want to go to the dentist!" said Magenta.

"Me too!" said Purple Kangaroo.

Green Puppy smiled wide to show off her clean teeth. She thanked Dr. Blue with a big hug for getting her ready for the dentist.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